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TWENTY-TWO MOLLUSK AND TUNICATE NAMES PLACED IN THE
OFFICIAL LIST OF GENERIC NAMES

SUMMARY.—The following names are hereby placed in the Official List of Generic Names: MOLLUSCA: *Anodonta*, *Argonauta*, *Buccinum*, *Calyptrea*, *Columbella*, *Dentalium*, *Helix*, *Limax*, *Mastra*, *Mya*, *Mytilus*, *Ostrca*, *Physa*, *Sepia*, *Sphaerium*, *Succinea*, *Teredo*. TUNICATA: *Botryllus*, *Clavelina*, *Diazona*, *Distaplia*, *Molgula*.

STATEMENT OF CASE.—In Circular Letter No. 78, March, 1924, the Secretary submitted 39 generic names which had been proposed by Commissioner Apstein (1915a, pp. 181-184) as "nomina conservanda." These names were studied independently, especially by Dr. Bartsch of the United States National Museum and by Mr. B. B. Woodward of London, England. Several other specialists were also kind enough to consider the names, and the bibliographic references were checked in the Secretary's office. It appears from the reports reaching the Secretary's office that of these, 22 names are valid under the International Rules and that, therefore, they do not have to be adopted as "nomina conservanda" under "Suspension of the Rules."

Considerable correspondence has reached the Secretary in regard to the names.

DISCUSSION.—In regard to 22 of the names no objection of any kind has reached the Secretary. In regard to 17 of the names, objection of one kind or another has reached the Secretary and these 17 cases are tabled without prejudice for consideration at the next meeting of the Commission.

The following 22 names have not been objected to, and on this account and on basis of reports by specialists the Secretary recommends their inclusion in the Official List of Generic Names subject of course to the usual conditions:

- Anodonta* Lam., 1799, 87, mt. *Mytilus cygneus* Linn., 1758a, 706.
Argonauta L., 1758a, 708, type *A. argo* L., 1758a, 708.
Botryllus Gaert., 1774, 35, type *Alcyonium schlosseri* Pallas, 1766, 355, s.
Botryllus stellatus.
Buccinum L., 1758a, 734, type *B. undatum* L., 1758a, 740.
Calyptrea Lam., 1799, 78, mt. *Patella chinensis* L., 1758a, 781.
Clavelina Savig., 1816, 171, type *Ascidia lepadiformis* Müller, 1776a, 226.
Columbella Lam., 1799, 70, mt. *Voluta mercatoria* L., 1758a, 730.
Dentalium L., 1758a, 785, type *D. elephantinum* L., 1758a, 785.
Diazona Savig., 1816, 35, tod. *D. violacea* Savig., 1816, 35.

Distaplia Della Valle, 1881, 14, [mt. *D. magnilarva* Della Valle, not mentioned in 1881, 14-15, in Latin, but "grossa larva" given on p. 14, later (1882, 47) published in Latin].

Helix L., 1758a, 768, type *H. pomatia* L., 1758a, 771.

Limax L., 1758a, 652, type *L. maximus* L., 1758a, 652.

Mactra L., 1767, 1125, type *M. stultorum* L., 1767, 1126.

Molgula Forbes, 1848; 1853, 36, type *M. oculata* Forbes, 1848; 1853, 36.

Mya L., 1758a, 670, type *M. truncata* L., 1758a, 670.

Mytilus L., 1758a, 704, type *M. edulis* L., 1758a, 705.

Ostrea L., 1758a, 696, type *O. edulis* L., 1758a, 699.

Physa Drap., 1801, 31, type *Bulla fontinalis* L., 1758a, 727.

Sepia L., 1758a, 658, type *S. officinalis* L., 1758a, 658.

Sphaerium Scop., 1777, 397, type *Tellina cornua* L., 1758a, 678.

Succinea Drap., 1801, 32, type *Helix putris* L., 1758a, 774.

Teredo L., 1758a, 651, type *T. navalis* L., 1758a, 651.

Opinion prepared by Secretary.

Opinion concurred in by fourteen (14) Commissioners: Apstein, Bather, Dautzenberg, Handlirsch, Hartert, Horvath, Jordan, D. S., Jordan, K., Kolbe, Loennberg, Monticelli, Skinner, Stiles, Warren.

Opinion dissented from by no Commissioner.

Not voting, three (3) Commissioners: Dabbene, Hoyle, Stejneger.